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2D SESSION

H. R. 3941

To designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the “Ted Weiss United States Courthouse”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 1996

Mr. NADLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Ted Weiss represented the 17th Congres-
6 sional District of New York, serving in the House of
7 Representatives from January 1977 until his death
8 on September 14, 1992. During that time, he pro-
9 vided exemplary service to the people of his district
10 and to the people of the United States.

1 (2) Having been born on September 17, 1927,
2 in Hungary, and having come to the United States
3 with his mother and sister in 1938 on the very day
4 Hitler marched into Czechoslovakia, Ted Weiss be-
5 came an ardent champion for human rights, which
6 were denied to many of those who remained behind.

7 (3) After emigrating to the United States, Ted
8 Weiss served in the United States Army. He later
9 earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from
10 Syracuse University and, subsequently, served in the
11 City Council of New York City from 1961 until
12 1976, when he was elected to the House of Rep-
13 resentatives.

14 (4) Ted Weiss was among the first to focus the
15 Nation's attention on the need to increase funding
16 for AIDS research, before the word "epidemic"
17 dominated these discussions.

18 (5) Ted Weiss urged the use of Federal funds
19 to address the devastating impact of homelessness
20 on communities across the Nation.

21 (6) As Chairman of the Congressional Arts
22 Caucus, Ted Weiss emphasized the role of both
23 major arts and cultural institutions and community-
24 based arts programs.

1 (7) The congressional legislative agenda of Ted
2 Weiss reflected, in addition to his vigilant support
3 for human rights, his commitment to peace and his
4 quest to ensure fairness and justice for all.

5 **SEC.2. DESIGNATION.**

6 The Federal building located at 500 Pearl Street in
7 New York City, New York, shall be known and designated
8 as the “Ted Weiss United States Courthouse”.

9 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

10 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
11 paper, or other record of the United States to the United
12 States courthouse referred to in section 2 shall be deemed
13 to be a reference to the “Ted Weiss United States Court-
14 house”.

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